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SUBJECT: LETTER TO AGRICULTURE MINISTER

EMBASSY REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER FROM
AGRICULTURE SECRETARY EARL BUTZ TO MINISTER ROUHANI:

QUOTE: DEAR MINISTER ROUHANI:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND LETTER OF APRIL 14, 1975.
IT WAS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO MEET HIS EXCELLENCY HADI
GHAVAMIAN AND THE IRAN DELEGATION FROM YOUR MINISTRY. I
WAS DELIGHTED WITH YOUR GREETINGS AND MESSAGE. IT IS GOOD
TO KNOW THAT YOU AND THE ENTIRE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
AND NATURAL RESOURCES ARE GENUINELY DESIROUS OF HAVING THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE JOIN WITH YOU TO IMPROVE AGRI-
CULTURE IN YOUR COUNTRY UNDER A PROGRAM OF EXPANDED TECH-
NICAL COOPERATION.

THIS IS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE FOLLOWING THE EXCELLENT
MEETINGS OF THE JOINT UNITED STATES-IRAN MINISTERIAL COM-
MISSION HELD IN WASHINGTON ON MARCH 3-4, 1975. HIS EXCEL-
LENCY MINISTER ANSARY AND SECRETARY KISSINGER SIGNED THE
AGREED MINUTES AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AT THAT
TIME, AND I WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE BY THE COMMISSION IN
THOSE DOCUMENTS. THE PROPOSALS ADVANCED CERTAINLY FOLLOW
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THE ENLIGHTENED PRINCIPLES ENUNCIATED BY HIS IMPERIAL
MAJESTY THE SHAH.

DR. QUENTIN M. WEST, ADMINISTRATOR OF OUR ECONOMIC RESEARCH

SERVICE, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT UNITED STATES-IRAN AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE, TOLD ME OF THE FINE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND EXCELLENT DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU AND HIS EXCELLENCY MINISTER SEPEHRI IN TEHRAN LAST FEBRUARY. DR. WEST IS AS ANXIOUS AS I AM TO SEE OUR COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TAKE ON NEW IMPETUS.

TO THIS END WE PROPOSE THAT DR. WILLIAM A. FAUGHT, DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN DEVELOPMENT DIVISION IN OUR ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE, COME TO IRAN THE WEEK OF MAY 11. HE IS AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE THE NEW LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MINISTRY AND THE DEPARTMENT. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. HARRY W. MATTOX, PROGRAM OFFICER IN THE DIVISION. MR. DALE VINING, OUR AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE IN TEHRAN, WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETINGS.

DR. FAUGHT ALSO WILL PROPOSE A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET TO BE COVERED UNDER THE PRESENT LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING DATED JUNE 30, 1973. IN ADDITION HE WILL PROPOSE BOTH A TECHNICAL COOPERATION PLANNING PROJECT, A TRAINING PROJECT AND THEIR RELATED BUDGETS.

AGREEMENT ON THE NEW LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING, THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION PLANNING AND TRAINING PROJECTS, AND THEIR BUDGETS WILL PERMIT COMPLETION OF OUR PLANS FOR THE OTHER FOLLOWUP ACTIVITIES. THESE WERE DISCUSSED IN IRAN IN FEBRUARY AND IN WASHINGTON IN MARCH BY DEPUTY MINISTER SEPEHRI, DR. WEST AND THE JOINT AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE. WE SUGGEST THAT RESPECTIVE PROJECT LEADERS COME TO IRAN TO WORK WITH YOUR DESIGNEES ON SPECIFIC PROJECT DETAILS ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

PROJECT AREA	PROJECT LEADER MEETS IRANIAN COUNTERPARTS
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AGRICULTURAL TRAINING	EARLY JUNE
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ANIMAL HEALTH	MIDDLE JUNE
PLANT DISEASE AND QUARANTINE	MIDDLE JUNE
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH	LATE JUNE
FERTILIZER DISTRIBUTION AND USE	LATE JUNE
WATER-SOIL-RANGE MANAGEMENT AND USE	EARLY JULY
EXTENSION PROGRAMS	EARLY JULY

I WILL APPRECIATE YOUR CONCURRENCE ON THE SUGGESTIONS INCLUDED IN THIS LETTER. PLEASE INFORM ME THROUGH AMBASSADOR HELMS AND OUR EMBASSY IF YOU APPROVE OF THE TIMING I HAVE SUGGESTED. I KNOW YOU JOIN ME IN THE HOPE THAT WE CAN MOVE AHEAD RAPIDLY TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH OUR MUTUAL GOALS

IN THIS IMPORTANT WORK.

SINCERELY UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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